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Docket Management Facility
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Nassif Building, Room PL-401
Washington, DC 20590-001

Dear Sir or Madam,

As a pilot and taxpayer, I feel that the proposal to make the outer ring of Washington's Air Defense Intercept Zone (ADIZ) to be unnecessary. I understand the need to protect our nation capital's security, but I feel that the 15 nautical mile radius no-fly zone (FRZ) does this adequately.

The ADIZ imposes significant burdens on both pilots and air traffic controllers. Moreover, the ADIZ is hurting businesses, pilots, and controllers and is costing tax dollars that could be used in other areas. The Washington, D.C., and the New York City ADIZ were established in February 2003, as *temporary* security measure. However, two and a half years later the Washington, D.C. ADIZ still unnecessarily exists.

Since the 11 September attacks, the government has made numerous upgrades to security systems around our nation's capital (i.e. the new visual warning system). Such measures significantly enhance the protection offered by the FRZ, making the ADIZ unnecessary and redundant.

Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) pointed out that a General Aviation (GA) airplane has never been used in an act of terrorism. The GA community is the group that is most affected by the ADIZ. A couple of examples are the unnecessary burden of flying into and out of several of the small airports located within the ADIZ, and the burden and expense (i.e. fuel costs and increased flight times) of flying around the ADIZ or going through the intense procedure to fly through it. Small GA aircraft do not pose a significant threat because they have neither the mass nor the cargo-carrying capacity to cause large-scale damage.

Therefore, I feel that Docket Number FAA-2003-17005 needs to be reconsidered before final approval.

Respectfully,

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